



EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. ER 92561107305

**Amendments to the claims:**

Claims 1 – 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended). In a soccer goal having two tubular vertical support members each having upper and lower ends, a top tubular horizontal member having first and second ends joining the two vertical members, two tubular rearward bracing members with first and second ends, the first end connecting with the upper end of one of the vertical support members and one of the top horizontal member ends, and a tubular lower horizontal member having first and second ends, the tubular members all having tubular walls and clear interiors, a molded joint connector joining tubular members in a fixed and planned relationship comprising: a molded connector body portion configured to be cooperatively received by and secured to one vertical support member upper end and one top horizontal member end [The connector member as claimed in claim 8] wherein a connector cover means encloses the molded connector body portion.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended). In a soccer goal having two tubular vertical support members each having upper and lower ends, a top tubular horizontal member having first and second ends joining the two vertical members, two tubular rearward bracing members with first and second ends, the

first end connecting with the upper end of one of the vertical support members and one of the top horizontal member ends, and a tubular lower horizontal member having first and second ends, the tubular members all having tubular walls and clear interiors, a molded joint connector joining tubular members in a fixed and planned relationship comprising: a molded connector body portion configured to be cooperatively received by and secured to one vertical support member upper end and one top horizontal member end wherein a connector cover means encloses the molded connector body portion [The connector member as claimed in claim 8 wherein] and the cover means includes a cover having a forward and rearward portion, the securing means includes mold formed receiving apertures in the connector body and fastening means extending through the one vertical support member end wall and through the one horizontal support member end wall and into at least one mold formed aperture in each connector body portion end.

Claim 12 (currently amended). In a soccer goal having two tubular vertical support members each having upper and lower ends, a top tubular horizontal member having first and second ends joining the two vertical members, two tubular rearward bracing members with first and second ends, the first end connecting with the upper end of one of the vertical support members and one of the top horizontal member ends, and a tubular lower horizontal member having first and second ends, the tubular members all having tubular walls and clear interiors, a molded joint connector joining tubular members in a fixed and planned relationship comprising: a molded connector body portion

configured to be cooperatively received by and secured to one vertical support member upper end and one top horizontal member end [The connecting member as claimed in claim 8] wherein the connector body portion is formed at a right angle, and the cover top and bottom securing means includes mold formed apertures in the connector body and fastening means extending through the one vertical support member and through the one horizontal member end and into at least one mold formed aperture in each connector body portion end.

Claims 13 – 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended). In a soccer goal having two tubular vertical members each having upper and lower ends, a top tubular horizontal member having first and second ends joining the two vertical members, two tubular rearward bracing members with first and second ends, the first end connecting the upper end of one of the vertical support members and one of the top horizontal member ends, and a tubular lower horizontal member having first and second ends, a molded joint connector joining tubular members in a fixed and planned relationship comprising: a molded connector body portion connecting to a tubular rearward bracing member second end; a body extension member extending from the connector body portion and having an extended end configured to be cooperatively received by and secured to one lower horizontal member end; and means securing the connector body portion to one lower horizontal member end [The connector member as claimed in claim 15] wherein

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the connector body portion has an arcuate flange engaging a portion of a lower horizontal member end circumference.

Claims 17 – 20 (canceled)